

Biography

Lieutenant Colonel Dexter E. Caston



LTC Dexter Caston is a native of Jackson, Mississippi and graduated as a distinguished military graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi in May 1994, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. LTC Caston also received a Masters in Public Administration from Webster University in 2003.

LTC Caston attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Bradley Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course, Fort Benning, Georgia before reporting to Fort Hood, Texas in 1995 to serve as a platoon leader in Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. LTC Caston also held several other positions while assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division; he was an Executive Officer for Company C, Company D and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment as well as the Personnel Officer for 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment before leaving there in 1998. LTC Caston was deployed in 1996 in support of Operation Intrinsic Action to Kuwait.

In 1998, LTC Caston was then assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer for the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, Little Rock, Arkansas. Following that assignment, in 2000, he took command of Company C, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Pago Pago, American Samoa. In 2002, LTC Caston was assigned as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Houston.

After leaving the University of Houston, in 2005, LTC Caston was assigned as the Operations Officer for the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion in Dallas, Texas. LTC Caston then took command of Company B and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion. LTC Caston was deployed in 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Commander of Company B, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion.

LTC Caston was then selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and assigned to USSOUTHCOM in Miami, FL.

LTC Caston's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, the Military Police Captains Career Course, and the Army Command and General Staff Officer Course (Intermediate Level Education and Advanced Operations Warfighter Course).

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, two Overseas Service Ribbons, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. LTC Caston also earned Combat Spurs with 4th Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment for service in Iraq.

LTC Caston is married to the former Demetria George of Lafayette, LA and has three kids Darian (16), Tia (13) and Dylan (1).